

Minutes from Na Hoa Pili Kaloko-Honokōhau Advisory Commission¹ – February 20, 2015

Acronyms:

NPS – National Park Service

KAHO – Kaloko-Honokōhau National Historical Park

PUHO – Pu‘uhonua o Hōnaunau National Historical Park

ALKA – Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail

DLNR – Department of Land and Natural Resources, State of Hawaii

CWRM – Commission on Water Resource Management

SHPD – State Historic Preservation Division

MOA – Memorandum of Agreement

FWS – US Fish and Wildlife Service

NHO – Native Hawaiian Organization

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Next meetings-

May 1 – Kaloko side, Aug 7- Aiopio side, Nov 7- Kaloko side of the park

WELCOME, PULE, INTRODUCTION

Attending:

Officio Members (voting members): Commissioners Fred Cachola (Chairman), Isaac “Paka” Harp, Ulu Ching, Mikahala Roy and Keola Lindsey

Ex Officio Members (non-voting): Tammy Duchesne (Superintendent, Kaloko-Honokōhau NHP (KAHO); Designated Federal Officer for Commission), Richard “Dick” Kuehner (appointed by Governor Neil Abercrombie) and Melia Lane-Kamahele (Manager Pacific Islands Office NPS), Commissioner Nicole Kealohaokalani Lui (appointed by Mayor Billy Kenoi)

Observers: Rae Godden (Chief of Interpretation Kaloko-Honokōhau NHP and Pu‘uhonua o Hōnaunau), Jeff Zimpfer (Environmental Protection Specialist Kaloko-Honokōhau), Janette Chiron (Chief Ranger, Kaloko-Honokōhau NHP), Sallie Beavers (Chief of Resource Management, Kaloko-Honokōhau),

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Commissioner Kaliko Chun informed Superintendent Duchesne before the meeting that she could not attend.

Commissioner George “Keoki” Kiili, Jr was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 AM by Chairman Cachola . Commissioner Roy introduced Donna Simpson from Kahikinui, Maui and Georg Van Gieson from Keaau, Hawaii.

A pule was offered by Chairman Cachola.

Approval of minutes from the December 5, 2014, meeting

Commissioner Lindsey suggested that “OHA as a quasi-federal or state agency” be revised to read “OHA as a quasi-state agency” to accurately reflect what OHA is. He also pointed out that the minutes did not detail the outcome of the 4th motion on page 12 and suggested that they should be revised to accurately reflect what occurred with the motion.

MOTION: Commissioner Harp motioned the minutes from December 5th meeting be adopted as amended, seconded by Commissioner Lindsey. The motioned passed unanimously.

Commissioner Harp made a motion to amend the August 22, 2014, minutes that were previously accepted as amended on December 5, 2014; seconded by Commissioner Roy.

Commissioner Roy said she would like to assist Jeff Zimpfer with the minutes and she would give him her edits for the August 22 meeting. On Page 5, she would like it to state “The DOI is a process” not “was a process.” On page 7, she wanted to insert “Roy Akana’s” after “A‘ala.” She was concerned that her comments on page 10 were in the public comment section and she is a Commissioner. Page 8, switch the Kekuewa and Kikiloι names around.

On page 11, Commissioner Ching wanted the familial relationship (aunt) stricken from the record, refer to them only as Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Harp made a motion to accept the August 22nd minutes as amended; seconded by Commissioner Ching. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Loko‘ia conference

To be held at Kahana this year (May 14-17, 2015). Tyler Paikuli-Campbell and the KAHO stone masons will attend. Chairman Cachola stated he thinks is important that park staff and traditional practitioners speak with unified voice and send the same message. Chairman Cachola suggested

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that he and Commissioner Harp meet with park staff that will be attending before the Loko‘ia conference.

Commissioner Harp stated one of the goals of the Loko‘ia group is to streamline the permitting process and to learn from other fishpond managers. He is also concerned that only pole and line fishing are allowed at Kaloko Fishpond. He would like to use the makaha to catch fish the traditional way. He is concerned that with vegetation removal at ‘Aimakapā there will still be silt on the bottom of the pond and there will be no limu for the fish to eat. He suggested perhaps farmers could use the silt on the bottom of the pond. He stated that he hates to see the waste of park resources. He suggested kiawe wood posts could be sold to ranchers at \$50.00 each. He stated that this is one of the drawbacks of being friends group. He stated that perhaps there should just be the Commission. He stated that Makani Hou wanted to harvest and sell kiawe.

Chairman Cachola said he was thrilled to see fishponds coming back. He said at the conference they camp out, eat in a halau and meet under the stars.

Commissioner Ching said there are several bills related to fishponds in the state legislature this year and you can follow the bills and submit testimony.

Charter – thoughts on implementing/ adopting by laws related to quorum, attendance (attachments 2004 (#1) and 2011 (#2))

Chairman Cachola read from the bottom of page 2 of the 2004 charter regarding by-laws “The Commission may make such by-laws, rules, and regulations as it considers necessary to carry out its functions.” He stated that we have been functioning for over a year without by-laws.

Superintendent Duchesne said that she has learned that Federal Advisory Commissions do make by-laws to do things such as spell-out what constitutes a quorum, attendance requirements to remain on the Commission, etc.

Chairman Cachola asked if there was a recommendation.

Commissioner Lindsey asked, because the existing charter doesn’t mention by-laws, can the Secretary of the Interior issue a new charter?

Superintendent Duchesne said she believes that because the process of developing a charter is long and complicated, the existing charter needs to remain until it sunsets. She asked would it be useful to define things like quorum.

Melia Lane-Kamahele stated the current charter doesn’t allow for by-laws.

Chairman Cachola suggested perhaps the Advisory Commission could adopt “in-house rules.”

Superintendent Duchesne suggested calling them guiding principles.

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Chairman Cachola stated there is nothing about quorum, so maybe we should just leave it alone.

Commissioner Lindsey pointed out the fact that the 2011 Charter was set to expire in two years.

Superintendent Duchesne said she spoke with Melanie Wilson Gore in DC about that; until the Commission sunsets in 2018.

MOTION: Commissioner Harp made a motion that the Chairman write a letter to the NPS Director and then send it to Secretary of the Interior to request the commission provide input in the creation and drafting of a new charter for the Advisory Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindsey. A vote was taken and Chairman Cachola stated “Let it be noted there are five voting members and three voted for it and the Chair declares the motion passed.”

Follow-up on the Director’s response

Chairman Cachola posed the question: Does the Commission want to send a follow-up letter to the Director of the NPS regarding his response to the Commission in his November 24, 2014, letter?

Commissioner Harp supports sending a letter to inquire what steps are necessary to achieve what was requested of his office.

Chairman Cachola proposed drafting a letter based on the notes of the December 5, 2014, Commission meeting.

Commissioner Roy stated she abstained from the last vote because of the last response from the Director of NPS. She asked, to what end are a series of letters to the Department when the commission doesn’t get the support for the very basic things they ask for. She asked, “Why write if we are going to get this kind of response?”

Chairman Cachola stated the mission is to advise and inform the Director, give him mana‘o. Cachola stated that the Commission may not like what he (the Director) says to the recommendations, and the Commission may not agree with what he says, but at least the Director should know what the Commission’s mana‘o is.

Commissioner Ching asked, how then can they influence, or is it in realm of Commission to encourage other organizations such as Makani Hou to pursue the matter further?

Superintendent Duchesne advised that the Commission cannot lobby. The Advisory Commission is advisory to NPS, but its role is not to influence governmental laws or regulations.

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Chairman Cachola said the minutes are public and you can't restrict speech. Another organization can take the information and lobby and move it forward on behalf of the park.

Commissioner Roy said this is about recording for the minutes and the official records.

Chairman Cachola passed out copies of the General Management Plan (GMP) to all voting commissioners. He stated the plan provides guidance to the NPS on how the park should operate. He believes it's time to update the plan.

Superintendent Duchesne said the GMP planning process is no longer being done. Instead, Foundation Statements are being written; KAHO will be undergoing the process in 2016. The GMP will still be in effect until the Foundation Plan is complete.

Chairman Cachola said he and Janette Chiron participated in the workshops for Pu'ukoholā Heiau's Foundation Plan and it was a lot of work spanning several days.

Commissioner Roy said the administration for the United States changes every four years and that's part of the problem. But with issues that affect the Hawaiian people that come from these lands, talking about burials and traditions, this is different from what the Park Service does. It doesn't jive. She stated it's like fitting a foot that doesn't fit in that shoe. We don't fit there. This is different from the NPS. We are not in good shape. We are not safeguarding. The GMP is not safeguarding; and the park is not in good shape.

Commissioner Ching asked, will Commission members be included as part of small planning process; and be able to provide input to any representatives to the process? Can this be an agenda item for the Commission?

Superintendent Duchesne indicated that not all Commissioners may be able to participate but that it certainly could be an agenda item.

Commissioner Lindsey asked if there will be an EIS for the Foundation Plan as there is for the GMP?

Melia Lane-Kamahele said no. The NPS is looking at smaller documents that address certain topics so the documents aren't as long and cumbersome.

Chairman Cachola stated the Advisory Commission is advisory, we advise the Director about process, programs, meet with staff, and see what was committed to be done. He stated that the Commission provides advice on programs based on what is being done in the park; and that the Commission needs to be engaged and participatory.

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Commissioner Roy said the reason this doesn't happen is because the people of Hawaii nei are under siege. She said she would love to be in the park every day, but there is an ongoing siege. There needs to be more hiring of Native Hawaiians.

Chairman Cachola is encouraging both the process, and engagement.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Queen Kaahumanu Highway Widening Project

Superintendent Duchesne said that she signed the MOA on behalf of KAHO, but doesn't know if the Superintendent signed for Ala Kahakai NHT. The current version contains all changes requested by Kaloko-Honokōhau NHP.

Chairman Cachola stated Makani Hou represented four NHOs. Makani Hou got copy of the signed MOA and Makani Hou has signed the MOA. The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) will not sign until they know what the NHOs were going to do. Chairman Cachola will talk to John Fowler and tell him NHOs will sign.

Commissioner Harp said Makani Hou is signing under duress, but wants to remain in the information loop. There may be additional inadvertent discoveries and they want to be notified.

Chairman Cachola said they spoke with their lawyers and found out even if they do not sign, NHOs can still be part of the process and receive updates. The MOA has \$800,000 in scholarships for Native Hawaiian students to study archeology at UH Hilo and a terrain model of the area will be produced, both a physical model and a digital model.

Water Management Area – preliminary order (attachment #3), recent efforts, upcoming events

Superintendent Duchesne spoke briefly about the Commission on Water Resources Management (CWRM) hearing in Kona on December 10th. She thanked the Commissioners that attended. From this meeting the NPS got some assignments. One thing we The NPS needs to do is quantify the amount of groundwater needed to support natural and cultural resources in the park. The NPS also need to identify the traditional and customary practices that are exercised in the park. Also, the NPS is to meet with the County to explore alternative paths to designation. The goal of meeting with County is to ensure there is groundwater to support park resources. The NPS commented on the CWRM's Draft Findings of Fact. The NPS is seeking mana'o from Advisory Commission on traditional and customary practices that are occurring or have occurred in the park.

Chairman Cachola commented that the issue is still alive and that the Commission indicated that there is not enough evidence to approve or deny the NPS petition. Cachola stated that he asked

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the NPS hydrologist the question, how much water does the park need? She said the NPS needs as much as we had in 1978 when the park was created.

Commissioner Harp said he appreciates the park's efforts trying to preserve those resources so cultural practices can occur in the future.

Chairman Cachola asked, why is the park talking to the County?

Superintendent Duchesne replied, pushback from a variety of sources. CWRM wants the concerned parties to find a common solution. A solution would avoid them having make a decision on the issue. The NPS can't ignore its mandate. The NPS can't accept compromised protection, but the NPS can discuss possible alternate paths – another way to accomplish the same goal.

Chairman Cachola said he appreciates the NPS efforts; without freshwater this park is dead. With no water, this park is gone.

Commissioner Ching said it's good for the Advisory Commission to chime in and support that the parties need to get things worked out. Mahalo everyone involved. The issue is, water needs to be supported.

Commissioner Lui said, the makaha for 'Aimakapā should be opened and let all the junk out. She stated that currently she did not see cultural practices and customary stuff happening at the park and that is what holds her back from agreeing with this water management thing. It's for the future.

Commissioner Harp stated that previous administrations approved a lot of developments involving a lot of money. If these [upcoming] developments can't access water, there could be law suits.

Superintendent Duchesne clarified that the NPS is not saying that we don't want another well drilled in Kona, but that there should be thoughtful consideration of where the wells are placed. She stated that NPS wants a seat at the table and thinks there should be a thoughtful analysis before wells are approved.

Commissioner Roy said she respects and appreciates Superintendent Duchesne and park staff for their work on this issue. This was a Historic meeting attended by range of people, community members, researchers, etc. What is the meaning of wai? Riches. In the end, what stands through it all? Truth and spirit of whole things, source of rain, names and genealogy. We will need oral traditions and understanding of the people here. My testimony at ANPRM meeting is important because the US is bringing forth an issue that is the elephant in the room, the outcry was of a nation occupied, pertinence and relevance to what we do. We are blessed to have Superintendent Duchesne and NPS staff members here.

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Update on nominations – vacancies and ex-officio positions

Superintendent Duchesne said Samson Harp resigned so the NPS will be advertising for two vacancies. With all of the paperwork, the process of actually filling the vacancies can take up to a year.

Commissioner Harp said that Cynthia Nazara has expressed an interest in being on the Advisory Commission.

Parks efforts to employ and advance native Hawaiians (attachment #4)

Superintendent Duchesne summarized the parks efforts to employ and advance native Hawaiians and thanked Commissioner Lindsey for his input and comments on the Diversity Recruitment Plan. All were incorporated. She said one employee recently went to volunteer coordinator training and the wall crew is doing investigations into fishpond management.

Commissioner Lui asked if the Law Enforcement Legacy program will continue and Superintendent Duchesne said Hawaii Pacific Parks Association funding to park has been reduced dramatically and therefore there will not be a new ranger under that program. It's a great loss

Commissioner Lindsey commented on the Native Hawaiian employment issue at the park. He indicated it was a genealogy of entanglements (mo'ohia) that needs to be undone one piece at a time but acknowledged that the park is making efforts where they can

Chairman Cachola said this is a long-standing challenge. The original Study Commission wanted to encourage Native Hawaiians to tell their story and tell it in their own way. It's going to take time, simple things like rewriting job descriptions.

Cultural Center EA

Commissioner Harp said in regard to page 3 from the Division Summaries handout, in reference to the Cultural Center EA, you need to consult with Makani Hou. There should be two zones – ali'i and maka'ainana.

Sallie Beavers said there are two concerns, (1) State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) has concerns and would like archeological testing at the site, and we are engaging UH Hilo students to work with us on that and (2) SHPD has concerns regarding the cultural landscape, and we will engage with Makani Hou to address this issue by developing a more in-depth site plan.

ACTION: Sallie Beavers to set up a meeting between MH and the park – site plan not a conceptual development plan.

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ACTION: Chairman Cachola to send email contacts to Sallie to assist with meeting coordination.

Compendium

Superintendent Duchesne said we are reviewing the Superintendent's Compendium internally now. When we are done we will bring it to you for your mana'o. We want to gather more data and info. One thing we are thinking about is to restrict casting within the fish trap, but we will allow pole fishing and throw net. One of the other things is, glass bottles and containers are currently prohibited in the park, but employees have not noticed any broken glass in the park. We are considering allowing glass bottles.

Cultural Center EA

Chairman Cachola encourages the park to finalize EA and solve the two issues, archeological testing and a site development plan.

Restoration of 'Aimakapā and Kaloko Loko i'a and use

Sallie Beavers said the 'Aimakapā process is moving slowly. The documents need work. We have monthly workdays and encourage other folks to participate. We are hoping to provide fish for Spirit Day from Kaloko.

ACTION: Commissioner Ching asked, how Commissioners get on the email list to be notified on of the work days. Sallie Beavers said she would put her on the list and asked if all commissioners wanted to be notified by email for all work days. They confirmed yes.

Sallie Beavers said Ruth Alua will be a volunteer coordinator. She will meet with the Park to come up with a community workday program. She is working with Makani Hou and hopes to start up in March with workdays every two weeks.

Commissioner Kuehner asked is there a report regarding 'Aimakapā?

Sallie Beavers said we are working on a management plan with a timeline and goals. The lifespan of the plan is 15 years for initial management. As staff turns over, the plan will provide continuity. As management priorities change, the plan will continue to keep the park focused.

Commissioner Harp said he hopes the long-term plan will provide for cultural use of the pond, meaning humans, birds, and marine life. He is concerned with how to address the issue of tilapia, other than killing the whole pond.

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Sallie Beavers said the Spirit Report is extremely clear regarding the uses and priorities for the pond and guides the 15-year plan.

Superintendent Duchesne spoke about attending a fishpond meeting with Rebeca Most (The Nature Conservancy; TNC) and others from other west Hawaii fishponds. There will be more opportunities for collaboration and there will be workdays where park staff go to other fishponds' workdays and other fishpond practitioners will come to our workdays.

Commissioner Lindsey asked about the National Historic Landmark boundary and if it included the ocean?

Superintendent Duchesne and Sallie Beavers said yes.

Chairman Cachola asked who owns the water?

Janette Chiron said the water and the submerged lands belong to the State of Hawaii and the NPS has authority and jurisdiction on the water column. So NPS can manage and regulate activities on the water within our boundary.

Chairman Cachola asked does the State accept that boundary line and Janette Chiron said the State also has authority and jurisdiction in the water. Our enabling legislation tells is to co-operatively work with the State.

Superintendent Duchesne told the Commission that she checked with DC and Commissioner Kuehner's appointment is for 5 years, even though he was appointed by former Governor Abercrombie. Commissioner Kuehner's term is valid until his term is done.

10 minute break 11:45

Commissioner Roy began with a pule. She said Superintendent Duchesne is easy to talk to and does good work. We [Native Hawaiians] have been here for 100s of years. Superintendent Duchesne has received her request for a closing of the Makahiki ceremony. Over the past month, she has been guided to have the closing ceremony. Commissioner Roy spoke about the connection to the ancestors and their aid at Kamakahonu. She said, we don't know more than the rest, we have just been here longer. The Spirit that we feel, our ancestors have felt and it will go on. There is a ceremony to celebrate the rising of the Makahiki in November and she is requesting for a closing ceremony at the park. She had the luxury of speaking with George and he is the kahu of Lonomakua and has been around island in 1976. The first Makahiki rising ceremony was held at Kaloko-Honokōhau. Kaloko-Honokōhau NHP is different than any park in the world. She said Makahiki is like the mitochondria of a cell – creates seeds of inspiration in the body. The most-high god didn't have a name. She said the Makahiki is a true ceremony. We hold a bowl of light we are born with. The culture is something to celebrate and she is seeking the support of commission and the park.

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Superintendent Duchesne said, please give us an understanding of when and how many people [for the requested close of Makahiki Ceremony].

Commissioner Roy said there is much to know in the Makahiki there are several ways to interpret the work Makahiki. We need to be on a sacred posture for at least four months out of the year.

Chairman Cachola said we look forward to hearing more information about the Makahiki closing ceremony. He said the first Makahiki closing ceremony was held here. They communicated with the telescopes on the summit of Mauna Kea for the exact timing. He said George Van Gieson was here in 1976 with his Lono pole. This is part of the spirit of the Spirit Report. This brings it into the park.

Commissioner Lindsey asked, how does the Commission share this with the Director, that this is why the Commission is here, and the Commission supports this. He suggested Chairman Cachola add to his letter these sort of positive things going on in the park.

Danna Simpson spoke about being from Kahikinui Maui. She spoke of developing wind turbines and commercial koa and she highly recommended that people meet with the Ahu Moku Advisory Council.

Commissioner Harp said Aric Arakaki was a planner for Kahikinui at DHHL.

Collaborating with other Loko i'a managers and Fish harvest

Chairman Cachola said collaborations with the fishponds of West Hawaii are starting to occur. Rebecca [TNC] and David Chai [Hualalai Resort] are involved.

Superintendent Duchesne said we are going to harvest for Spirit Day in August. This will be a pilot project and we are seeking your thoughts on protocol.

ACTION: Tyler Paikuli-Campbell will communicate with Commissioner Harp regarding plans to harvest fish.

George Van Gieson said harvest fish when they are ready, not some calendar date or for convenience. Throw nets are for harvesting ocean fish the makaha should be used to harvest fish from a fishpond.

Water-dependent Traditional and Customary Practices (part of preliminary order)

Superintendent Duchesne said during testimony on December 10th, she was asked about the park's views on allowing traditional and customary practices, do you allow traditional and customary practices. She stated that the park is supportive of allowing traditional and customary practices, as long as the practices are allowed under Federal rules and regulations. She also anticipated the next question and said she knew they were curious about what types, how many,

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and how often traditional practices or activities occurred. She stated that the NPS is not the National Security Agency and the NPS is not here to spy on people while they conduct their practices. The NPS does not have good data on cultural practices because we want to be respectful. We want to leave people to conduct their practices peacefully. We need to maintain the environmental conditions so that these cultural practices can occur in the future. NPS is interested in learning about what types of traditional and customary practices occur in the park and she invited people to share if they knew about ongoing practices.

Chairman Cachola said, the oral histories compiled by A‘ala Roy would be a good place to start.

Commissioner Roy said, the truth here is water belongs to akua and these lands belong to the Hawaiian people. In the jurisdiction of the United States, short years, they don't know the history of the resources. The Kingdom is ready to stand to protect and manage the resources and will the government rise up and support this?

Commissioner Lindsey said he didn't know the relationship between CWRM and the US government and how CWRM must fulfill its responsibilities in response to a federal action. CWRM as a State agency has an affirmative responsibility via the Ka Pa‘akai decision to protect traditional and customary practices. There are three ways they do that, first they figure out what the practices are, second they figure out how what they do is going to impact those practices and then they are to figure out ways to mitigate the impacts. The danger he sees is CWRM is punting the first two steps to other people.

Halau Ike (attachment 5) and Cultural Center

For this portion of the meeting Chairman Cachola passed the chairmanship to Commissioner Harp.

Chairman Cachola drew Commissioners' attention the email exchange between Superintendent Duchesne and himself. He believes that certain building techniques were compromised in order to move ahead because of the "temporary status" of the project. The project continued forward separately before the EA was final because the halau is temporary in nature. The [NPS] regional engineer inspected the structure; and the building is closed until the structural concerns identified by the regional engineer are addressed. He said, The Makani Hou board prepared comments to address the concerns of the engineer. The logs were donated by Jimmy Greenwell. The halau has been sitting there two years now without additional bracing required. He said, Makani Hou will do no further work until the EA is approved. He said, once the EA is approved, they will dismantle the structure and rebuild it correctly ****. He said, we need to revise the Makani Hou MOA to make it correct and will address what needs to be done. He said, the primary mission of Makani Hou is to assist the park in establishing and managing the Cultural Live-in Center. We are not going to give that up. We want to move forward.

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Chairman Cachola said the park and Spirit Report encourages Native Hawaiian to do a variety of things to perpetuate Native Hawaiian practices that must be approved by a peer group of non-Hawaiian officials at the national park. He said, one thing that bothers Makani Hou is when they want to do cultural practices, and they need to be approved by the NPS. He suggested a peer group of other Hawaiians should be the group to approve things. He proposed Na Hoa Pili o Kaloko-Honokohau Advisory Commission be the group to inspect and review with what Makani Hou does. He said, it's been forty years since the process started and we need to get past this impasse and stalemate. The halau has sat unused for two years.

Chairman Cachola said, Makani Hou was not asking for specific action at this time, but only to inform the Advisory Commission. Chairman Cachola said this may be an issue that needs to go before the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP). He said he can go to John Fowler. Chairman Cachola wants to come up with a coalition of other indigenous Americans to present this issue before the ACHP. Native people are trying to restore their customary practices and are subject to the rules of the Federal government.

Sallie Beavers said this was an HTA grant and asked if the halau is dismantled, are there expectations that might not be met at this point? The NPS, Jimmy Greenwell and HPPA also contributed to the Halau Ike.

Commissioner Harp said the grant was for a smaller structure. Nainoa Perry, the halau builder, wanted a larger structure. He talked with grantor to expand the scope of work.

Chairman Cachola said maybe Makani Hou should be counting the hours spent on development of center as an in-kind donation.

Commissioner Harp said there was lots of community involvement. The value of 'ohia exceeds the value of the HTA grant.

Commissioner Lui asked if the Live-in Center is an issue because of the habitation. Does this go against what can happen on Federal lands?

Sallie Beavers said no, there is a safety issue and issue of liability regarding the safety of the public using the halau unfinished.

Superintendent Duchesne stated we look forward to it being a center. The issue is money, time and staff. The complex will not come together in totality overnight. No park in the Service has received operational budget increases since 2009.

Chairman Cachola said the Live-in Center was authorized by Congress and is in keeping with the intent of the Spirit Report.

Commissioner Lindsey asked about addressing SHPD concerns.

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Chairman Cachola proposed that Nainoa Perry, Commissioner Harp, Tyler Paikuli-Campbell and he could sit down and figure out what the center would look like.

Sallie Beavers said we need a better, more detailed conceptual plan to satisfy SHPD.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Park visitor facilities (chair- Dick Kuehner)

Commissioner Kuehner asked what is important about ‘Aimakapā Pond? He asked what activities occur there and are there opportunities to volunteer? He proposed an interpretive exhibit focused on Aimakapa pond and he volunteered to work on a sign.

ACTION: Sallie Beavers to provide Commissioner Kuehner with information on proposal for interpretation at ‘Aimakapā Fishpond.

Superintendent’s compendium (Chair- Fred Cachola)

Chairman Cachola asked the Commissioners to look at it and send in comments

Commercial Use Permit (Chair - Keola Lindsey)

Commissioner Lindsey acknowledged that the NPS support staff (Janette Chiron) had provided requested information and he expressed appreciation for that follow-up. Commissioner Lindsey also noted that he and the other subcommittee members (Commissioner Chun and Commissioner Harp) had engaged in discussion via email. The subcommittee did not have a report our specific recommendations for Commercial Use Permit prepared for the meeting on 2/20/15, but anticipated doing so at the next Commission meeting.

Loko‘ia - Fish pond (Chair- Isaac “Paka” Harp)

Commissioner Harp said in reference to ‘Ai‘opio, he would like to propose “Restrict fishing to hand-pole with fixed hand-line and single hook only.”

Commissioner Harp asked if the reason rangers weren’t finding broken glass in the park was because of the prohibition of glass bottles in the park?

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Cachola acknowledged Donna Simpson from Kahikinoi, Maui and Georg Van Gieson from Keaau, Hawaii. George asked where the Lono pole was stored.

ACTION: Rae Godden will coordinate with Commissioner Roy and George Van Gieson to see the Lono Makua.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM.

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MOTIONS

MOTION: Commissioner Harp motioned the minutes from December 5th be adopted as amended, seconded by Commissioner Lindsey. Motioned passed unanimously.

MOTION: Commissioner Harp made a motion to accept the August 22nd minutes as amended; seconded by Commissioner Ching. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Commissioner Harp made a motion that the Chairman write a letter to the NPS Director and then send it to Secretary of the Interior to request the commission provide input in the creation and drafting of a new charter for the Advisory Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindsey. A vote was taken and Chairman Cachola stated “Let it be noted there are five voting members and three voted for it and the Chair declares the motion passed.”

ACTION ITEMS

ACTION: Sallie Beavers to set up a meeting between Makani Hou and the park – site plan not a conceptual development plan.

ACTION: Chairman Cachola to send email contacts to Sallie to assist with meeting.

ACTION: Commissioner Ching asked, how do we get on the email list to be notified on of the work days. Sallie Beavers said she would put her on the list and asked if all commissioners wanted to be notified by email for all work days. They confirmed yes.

ACTION: Tyler Paikuli-Campbell will communicate with Commissioner Harp regarding plans to harvest fish.

ACTION: Sallie Beavers to provide Commissioner Kuehner with information on proposal for interpretation at ‘Aimakapā Fishpond.

ACTION: Rae Godden will coordinate with Commissioner Roy and George Van Gieson to see the Lono Makua.

***** NOTE of CLARIFICATION: The EA is approved. The SHPD still has concerns based regarding archeological testing and cultural landscape because of the lack of a detailed site plan sufficient for SHPD. The NPS has agreed it will address these important issues in collaboration with Makani Hou to the satisfaction of SHPD before the Center project continues.

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